

USAID Grant Agreement No. SOAG-306-05-01

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE

**BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

AND

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

FOR

**THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE OF A THRIVING ECONOMY LED BY THE PRIVATE
SECTOR**

Dated as of: September 30, 2005

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AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT

AMENDMENT NUMBER ONE TO THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT between the Government of the United States of America, acting through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, acting through the Ministry of Finance (hereinafter referred to as the "Grantee"), dated as of September 30, 2005.

WHEREAS, The Grantee and USAID entered into a Strategic Objective Grant Agreement ("SOAG") for the strategic objective of a thriving economy led by the private sector, Grant Agreement No. 306-05-00 dated September 19, 2005 (capitalized terms not defined in this amendment shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the SOAG);

WHEREAS, USAID and the Grantee wish to amend this Agreement to increase the USAID contribution by the amount set forth in Appendix 1 hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, the Strategic Objective Grant Agreement is amended as follows:

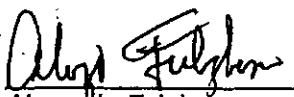
Amendment to Section 3.1. USAID Contribution

Section 3.1(a) is amended as set forth in Appendix 1 hereto.

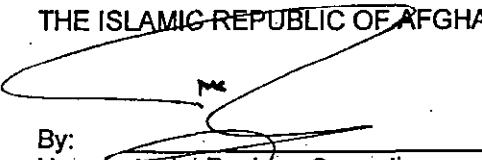
All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect. This Amendment is prepared in both English and Dari. In the event of ambiguity or conflict between the two versions, the English language version will control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the United States of America and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, each acting through its duly authorized representatives, have caused this Agreement to be signed in their names and delivered as of this day, month and year first written above.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By: 
Name: Alonzo L. Fulgham
Title: Director, USAID Mission to Afghanistan

THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN

By: 
Name: Abdul Razique Samadi
Title: Deputy Minister of Finance, Signing in his capacity as Acting Finance Minister

APPENDIX 1
TO
AMENDMENT NO. 1
TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE GRANT AGREEMENT

Amendment to Section 3.1 USAID Contribution

USAID and the Grantee wish to amend the SOAG to increase the USAID contribution by TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-NINE MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT AND EIGHTY-TWO HUNDRETHS (U.S.) DOLLARS (US\$289,830,128.82).

Therefore Section 3.1(a) of the SOAG is amended by deleting the amount TWO MILLION FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND United States ("U.S.") Dollars (\$2,450,000) and inserting the amount TWO HUNDRED NINETY-TWO MILLION TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT AND EIGHTY-TWO HUNDRETHS (U.S.) DOLLARS (US\$292,280,128.82) in lieu thereof.